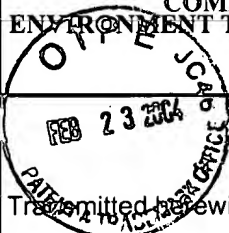
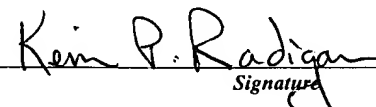
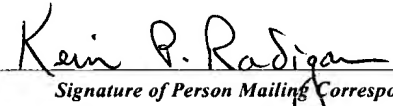


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Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2003 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action is initially due on or before February 20, 2004, and thus, this Response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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